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Work and Workers

THE Palestine Travel Study Class of the University of Chicago will sail February 2 for Alexandria with twenty-five members. The first part of the time will be devoted to a trip to the Sinai country, going via Tor and returning by land. Three weeks will be spent in camp, after leaving Jerusalem, during which time all the important sites of Palestine, and several others not often reached, will be visited. The return will be via Ephesus, Constantinople, Athens, Corinth, and Italy. Class-work will be carried on throughout the journey, and the services of resident teachers and missionaries in the places visited will add to the value of the work. The class, like that of three years ago, is conducted by Professor Herbert L. Willett.

THE first volume of the *Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels*, edited by Rev. James Hastings, D. D., is now ready. The purpose of the *Dictionary* is to give an account of everything that relates to Christ, his person, life, work, and teaching. It is entirely independent of the *Dictionary of the Bible*, though dealing in part with the same topics. It is intended primarily for preachers, and the authors of the articles have been carefully chosen among those scholars, both British and American, who are or have been, themselves preachers. Professor M'Pheeters writes of "Authority in Religion;" Professor Bacon, of "Alpha and Omega;" Professor Marcus Dods, on "Inspiration;" Professor Sanday, on "The Virgin Birth;" Professor Johannes Weiss, on "Passion Week."

SOME indications of the possibilities of Bible teaching by the lecture-study method may be found in the fact that during the summer and autumn of 1906 there were delivered under the auspices of the Lecture-Study Department of the University Extension Division of the University of Chicago twenty-three courses of lectures on Biblical literature, history, and theology in as many different communities. The majority of these courses have consisted of six lectures each, though some were of greater length. In subject-matter the courses are distributed as follows; five on the Old Testament; fifteen on the New Testament; and three dealing with general phases of Bible history, literature, and theology. Seven of these courses of lectures have been given in Chicago. Others are distributed as follows: five courses of six lectures each in different cities in California; one course in Seattle, Wash; two courses in Minneapolis,

Minn. (one at the State University); two courses in Grand Rapids, Mich.; one in Milwaukee, Wis.; one in Wauwatosa, Wis.; one in Freeport, Ill.; one in Normal, Ill.; and one in Terre Haute, Ind. The lecturers were Professors Shailer Mathews, Richard G. Moulton, Gerald B. Smith, Theodore G. Soares, and Herbert L. Willett. Among the subjects most frequently called for are "The Beginnings of Christianity," "The Life of Christ," "The Life and Work of the Apostle Paul," "Masterpieces of Biblical Literature," and "The History of Prophecy." A circular containing full announcement of forty different courses on biblical subjects will be mailed upon application to Mr. Walter A. Payne, Secretary of the Lecture-Study Department.

Two volumes of Old Testament and Semitic studies to be published in memory of President William R. Harper are in course of preparation and will be issued next autumn. The contributors include twenty-six of the leading Semitic scholars of this country. The volumes are issued under the editorship of Professor R. F. Harper, of the University of Chicago; Professor George F. Moore, of Harvard University; and Professor Francis Brown, of Union Theological Seminary. The unanimity and heartiness with which the Semitic scholars of America have responded to the invitation to contribute articles to these volumes are a striking testimonial to the high esteem in which President Harper was held by all his colleagues.

MR. R. CAMPBELL THOMPSON, M.A., formerly an assistant in the department of Egyptian and Assyrian antiquities in the British Museum, has accepted an appointment as Assistant Professor in the department of Semitic languages and literatures of the University of Chicago, and has already taken up his new duties. Mr. Thompson is widely known among scholars for his valuable volumes of Assyrian texts and translations.

PROFESSOR JAMES H. BREASTED'S series of four volumes containing the historical inscriptions of Egypt is soon to be supplemented, and to have its contents rendered accessible to all students, by the publication of a fifth volume, furnishing full indices to the materials in the preceding volumes.